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Five-hundred-fourth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room (7E26)
CIA Headquarters Building
on Thursday, 11 April 1968, at 1030 hours

1. Approval of Minutes
4 April Meeting
(USIB-M-503, including
record of action in USIB-
S-29.22/21, distributed
through special channels)
2. Watch Report No. 920
3. National Intelligence Survey
(NIS) Coverage Plan
(USIB-D-51.1/14, 22 March)
4. The Outlook for Internal
Security in Ethiopia
(SNIE 76.1-68; draft for
USIB, 1 April)
5. Greece
(NIE 29.1-68; draft
for USIB, 5 April)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA Member, USIB

SUBJECT: National Intelligence Survey (NIS)
Coverage Plan (USIB-D-51.1/14)REFERENCES: (a) USIB-M-369, 4 February 1965, item 7. e.
(b) USIB-D-51.1/8, 28 August 1963

1. This is a briefing memorandum on the above subject, which is on the USIB agenda for 11 April.

2. In reference (b) USIB assigned to the NIS Committee responsibility for recommending to the Board priorities for NIS production, based upon the anticipated needs of high level planners and policy makers. In the past, the NIS Committee's recommendations have been submitted to USIB in the form of an annual forecast, covering the proposed production schedule for the next fiscal year, and a tentative schedule for the subsequent year.

3. The plan now submitted for USIB approval represents a more direct and complete fulfillment of the Committee's responsibility for recommending priorities for production than the previous annual forecasts have done, and furnishes the Board with a more useful tool with which to provide policy direction to the NIS Program. Specifically, the plan:

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a) establishes priorities by NIS areas for General Survey production and maintenance and identifies those areas on which routine periodic maintenance will not be attempted;

b) specifies for each NIS area the supplementary topical coverage required over and above coverage provided by the General Survey, taking into account the importance of the specific topic to the area, producer capabilities, identifiable user requirements, and availability of departmental or other alternative coverage.

In addition, the plan serves as a discipline -- not necessarily a rigid prescription -- for production scheduling and as a guide for more efficient NIS production staffing.

4. Reductions in annual production rates for supplementary elements for which CIA is responsible apply essentially to those produced under contract by Non-USIB agencies; these reductions would total about 6% of the current Non-USIB commitment which runs at an annual rate of \$1.3 million. In addition, we are seriously examining the possibility of combining production of certain sociological elements allocated to CIA, i. e., population, characteristics of the people, religion and education, to enable further reductions in workload to be made.

5. The Deputy Director for Intelligence has reviewed the NIS Coverage Plan as submitted to USIB and concurs with it. It is recommended that you support USIB approval of the Plan.

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NIS Committee